

0960 - State Police

Interim Progress Report for the reporting period July 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

Section I. Agency Update and Assessment

1. Emerging Issues at the Federal (National) or State level affecting the agency.

At the National Level, Federal Agencies are committing most of their resources to Homeland Security issues. Our Agency has benefited with funding for a Mobile Command Center (\$922,000) and Bomb Equipment (\$761,400). Gas & oil prices continue to affect our operating costs. Our ability to continue the methamphetamine enforcement programs and upgrades to our Automated Fingerprint Identification System are contingent upon our ability to continue receiving earmarked funding for these projects. The Highway Safety Program is currently operating under a continuing resolution from the Federal government.

At the State Level, Special Revenue (fees) for Act 1001 has not been collected at the projected level. Our revenue is approximately 50% below projections.

2. Status of any new initiatives funded from General Revenue or General Improvement funds in the 2003 Legislative Sessions and other changes made through General Legislation.

The automobile acquisition fund has previously been funded at \$2,000,000 per year with ASP receiving 50%. For the past three years the fund has been cut less than \$1,000,000, affecting our fleet purchases. State Police is currently testing internet access for open records. This will allow private and public employers access to criminal background checks of a non-criminal justice nature, such as employment. In the 2003 Session, Trooper salary adjustments were approved and have been implemented to those who met the criteria. A new program from the 2003 Session requiring VIN verifications on all foreign vehicles which will be titled in Arkansas has been implemented.

3. Discuss significant factors internal and external to the agency affecting agency performance.

With the hiring of additional troopers, there will be an increased need of additional vehicles, increase in budget requests for fuel, oil, and equipment. The agency's ability to hire replacement Troopers and unpredictable/uncontrollable incidents of crime and other variables affect our operations.

In an effort to more effectively and efficiently utilize existing ASP personnel, based on the goals of protecting children and prosecuting offenders, CACD and CID have developed an internal protocol to conduct child maltreatment and criminal investigations. Manpower shortages in the criminal division have the potential of reducing our ability to respond to crimes in rural Arkansas.

We have deployed our Traffic Crash Record Entry System (TraCS) to other agencies. This will allow reports to be processed electronically. The CDL testing program is being restructured to utilize part-time contract labor for testing. We have received a federal grant (\$191,261) to help with this program. Video cameras have been installed in all cars, which should result in higher conviction rates and facilitate State Police compliance with the Bias Based Policing Act 1207 of 2003.

4. Provide comments on the usefulness and reliability of performance measures.

Performance measures are a good indicator of agency workloads and volume of work. Workloads are impacted by ASP's ability to hire and assign, which determines our ability to meet or exceed annual program projections.

5. Discuss significant uses of line item flexibility in this report period (agencies operating under Performance-Based Appropriations only).

n/a

Program 1: Administration and Support Services Program

Goal 1: Direct the overall operations of the Arkansas State Police and provide support services to fulfill the mission of the agency.

Objective 1: Efficiently manage the operations of the Arkansas State Police utilizing executive leadership and administrative support

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Percentage of agency performance objectives and targets met.	90%	64%	
2	Percentage of Agency staff and budget in the Administration Program, as compared to total agency positions and budget.	16%	10%	
3	Number of prior year audit findings repeated in subsequent audits.	1	2	
4	Growth in percentage of minority applicants compared to previous year.	30%	81%	Actively Recruiting
5	Number of funding sources/programs secured for the agency.	6	1	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 1: Administration and Support Services Program

Goal 1: Direct the overall operations of the Arkansas State Police and provide support services to fulfill the mission of the agency.

Objective 2: Utilize information technology to efficiently and effectively support the mission of the Arkansas State Police

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Agency Information Technology budget as a percentage of the total agency budget.	2.5%	2.50%	
2	Number of proprietary information systems maintained by agency staff or maintained through contractual services.	4	3	
3	Number of AFIS submissions	88,000	43,756	
4	Number of law enforcement agencies using the AFIS system	22	22	
5	Number of crimes solved using AFIS.	230	100	
6	Amount of user equipment programmed to use the Communication system.	88	35	
7	Number of maintenance calls on the Communication system	412	131	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 2:

Program 1: Administration and Support Services Program

Goal 1: Direct the overall operations of the Arkansas State Police and provide support services to fulfill the mission of the agency.

Objective 3: Provide general support operations to agency personnel

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Total miles traveled by agency employees.	12,000,000	5,696,215	
2	Number of times aircraft used to support law enforcement operations.	260	112	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 3:

Program 1: Administration and Support Services Program

Goal 1: Direct the overall operations of the Arkansas State Police and provide support services to fulfill the mission of the agency.

Objective 4: Provide public safety support services for the State of Arkansas

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of criminal background checks performed	125,000	49,057	
2	Number of motor vehicle crash reports processed.	72,438	24,300	
3	Number of regulatory licenses issued or renewed.	11,208	5,484	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 4:

Program 2: Criminal Investigation Program

Goal 1: Assist other law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys in the investigation of felony crimes

Objective 1: To improve public safety through enforcement of criminal laws and by providing assistance to other law enforcement agencies in Arkansas

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of criminal investigations opened by ASP.	2841	1725	
2	Number of homicides investigated	234	95	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 2: Criminal Investigation Program

Goal 1: Assist other law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorneys in the investigation of felony crimes

Objective 2: Provide field support operations to assist the agency through investigative support, training, SWAT and crisis negotiations

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of other law enforcement agencies receiving methamphetamine lab training from the ASP.	20	1	School scheduled March 2004
2	Number of methamphetamine labs identified and cleaned up.	216	112	
3	Number of SWAT and Crisis Negotiation calls responded to by ASP.	9	3	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 2:

Program 3: Crimes Against Children Program**Goal 1:** To improve the safety of Arkansas children**Objective 1:** To improve the safety of Arkansas children through the prompt investigation of suspected incidents of child abuse or maltreatment and to refer cases, as necessary, for criminal prosecution

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of calls received by the Child Abuse Hot Line.	31,916	15,849	
2	Percentage of calls requiring further investigation.	63%	62%	
3	Number of suspected cases of child abuse or maltreatment investigated.	5,608	2,657	
4	Number of criminal investigations of suspected cases of child abuse or maltreatment initiated.	759	327	
5	Number of criminal investigations of suspected cases of child abuse or maltreatment closed.	628	309	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 4: Highway Patrol Program

Goal 1: Assume leadership role in the enforcement of traffic laws to improve highway safety for the motoring public

Objective 1: To improve highway transportation safety by enforcing traffic laws and by providing assistance to motorists on state patrolled highways

Measure

<u>Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of Highway Patrol Troopers per total highway miles in the State of Arkansas.	1 Trooper per 265 miles	1 Trooper per 270 miles	
2	Number of crashes investigated by Highway Patrol Troopers.	16,837	8,963	
3	Number of crashes investigated by Highway Patrol Troopers classified as "injury" accidents	7,565	3,191	
4	Number of crashes investigated by Highway Patrol Troopers classified as "fatal" accidents.	412	242	
5	Number of persons killed in traffic crashes in Arkansas.	642	259	
6	Number of alcohol/drug-related automobile crashes investigated by Highway Patrol Troopers	1,912	978	
7	Number of speed-related automobile crashes investigated by Highway Patrol troopers	3,089	762	
8	Number of motorists assists provided by Highway Patrol Troopers	20,521	11,473	
9	Number of CDL and DL tests performed	213,982	103,085	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 5: Highway Safety Office

Goal 1: Provide overall administration of the Highway Safety Office.

Objective 1: Maintain adequate manpower, equipment, and training.

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of personnel in Highway Safety Office	12	11	
2	Staff and budget in Highway Safety Administration as compared to total Highway Safety Budget	2.5%	2.50%	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 5: Highway Safety Office**Goal 2:** Develop Arkansas' Highway Safety Plan.**Objective 1:** Identify traffic-related safety problems in the state.

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Traffic crash rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Arkansas	2.4	2.4	
2	Traffic fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Arkansas	2.1	2.2	
3	Traffic injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles in Arkansas	171.4	172.4	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1:

Program 5: Highway Safety Office

Goal 2: Develop Arkansas' Highway Safety Plan.

Objective 2: Recommend programs that are most effective in reducing traffic fatalities, injuries, and crashes

Measure Number	Performance Indicators	Annual Target	Actual YTD	Comments
1	Number of federal program areas identified	4	4	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 2:

Program 5: Highway Safety Office**Goal 3:** Implement the Highway Safety Plan (HSP).**Objective 1:** Implement projects and activities that have been identified as effective in reducing traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries.

<u>Measure Number</u>	<u>Performance Indicators</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Number of Highway Safety projects implemented	55	48	
2	Number of program monitoring visits conducted	105	53	
3	Adult safety belt compliance rate for the state of Arkansas	65%	63%	
4	Child Restraint use rate for the State of Arkansas	74%	72%	

Comments on performance matters related to Objective 1: